

## BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

#### THE FIREBRAND AGAIN

New Orleans.—Before this letter reaches you some incorrect statements respecting the affair of the Firebrand and the Spanish squadron will have been published. Here, where the subject is understood and investigated, sober and disinterested people are rather disposed to censure some of our own citizens. It appears that all our public vessels for some time past, have been actively employed in keeping up an intercourse with the insurgents of Mexico who are in possession of several ports on the coast west of the Mississippi. It is well known that the Spanish municipal laws have excluded foreign vessels from trading within the Gulf of Mexico. But to come to the point—about six weeks ago some members of the bar and others, purchased the schooner called the General Jackson, loaded her with arms, ammunition, etc., and sailed for the coast of Mexico. The schooner was captured by the Spanish squadron early in August. The Firebrand shortly afterwards sailed for the coast of Mexico, for the purpose (as it is said) of bringing back the proceeds of this valuable cargo. But before she could land or deliver to the Republicans the Spanish squadron fell in with the General Jackson, the Firebrand in company; the Firebrand managed to divert the Spaniards in such a way as to enable the Jackson to make her escape. One of the owners of the General Jackson and cargo, an eminent lawyer of this city, was on board of this schooner, and went in her in the capacity of super cargo, etc., etc. He, however, thought proper to shift his quarters and go on board the Firebrand. He has arrived here, but left his schooner to run the gauntlet—she will no doubt be taken and every one on board hung. This disappointment, an unexpected loss has enraged all the owners of the General Jackson to madness; they must have war with Spain, whether or no; having called a meeting and adopted resolutions which you will, of course, see. The prime movers of this meeting were Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Grymes; the former was for the schooner General Jackson what merchants call out as super cargo, but as I have already stated, took care to go on board the Firebrand in due time to save his neck. The above facts, you may depend, are substantially correct.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO.

#### STEAM CARRIAGE

##### FRIGHTENED HORSES

The inventor of the steam carriage was experimenting with the machine yesterday on the road to Old Farm in Trumbull, and several horses which were being driven to and from the city were greatly frightened. One of them, belonging to a Mr. Beardsley, who was going to Trumbull, was badly hurt by the struggle to get out of the way and the wagon was somewhat broken. Travelers are very severe in their denunciations of the proprietor for attempting to run the machine on a road so much traveled and predict that the loss of life and other serious

damage will be the result, if his experiments are continued. We have never seen the machine, and consequently can say nothing of its tightness from any knowledge of our own. Neither do we know the proprietor but whoever he may be he must, of course, be aware that he will be held responsible for damages that may result from running the machine on public roads.

#### YE STRIPED BASS

Capt. F. B. Hendrick, the champion fisherman in this locality, have been making another raid on "ye striped bass." Yesterday afternoon the boys got twenty three of those "finny" which weighed in the aggregate 550 pounds. The largest weighing 46 pounds. They may be seen if they are not disposed of at the market of Webb & Smith. Your New Haven, Milford Beach, and Black Rock fishermen, have to take a back seat when the Hendrick boys are about.

#### BRICK BLOCK FOR SALE

Mr. James Dunn, offers his brick block on Main street between Congress and Arch streets for sale on easy terms. The block is three stories high with two good stores. A good investment is here offered to capitalists.

#### TWENTY YEARS AGO

##### FOUL CAMPAIGN METHODS

The strike among the weavers at the Salt's Textile Mfg. Co., has developed an interesting condition of affairs. Yesterday noon the strikers presented themselves at the shop for their weekly pay. At the same time they asked a delegation to the office for a copy of the new schedule of wages and later in the afternoon the strikers held a meeting in the rooms of the Working Men's club on East Main street. This strike has been the cause of the expense of an army of police who have used it. For several weeks past the employees of the plush factory have received their pay in envelopes bearing inscriptions which were calculated to influence the votes of those receiving them. The Farmer has in its possession three envelopes from which the names have been erased but it can produce the men who received them on a few hours notice.

#### THROWN FROM HIS WAGON

A pair of horses attached to an ice wagon driven by Andrew Dubenstein ran away today. He was thrown out and received scalp wounds and possibly internal injuries. The ambulance was summoned from Stratford avenue where the accident occurred. Dr. Hall, attended the injured man who was taken to his home at 65 Washington avenue.

#### THE TYPHOID CASE

Annie Taylor, who has been in the hospital several days is much better today, and it is expected that in about a week she will be discharged. Her brother who was taken there yesterday afternoon is very ill but there are strong hopes for his recovery.

## SOCIAL NOTES

The Bridgeport Art League has prepared a very interesting program for its 22nd season which will open at The Stratfield salons. Following is the schedule arranged:

Monday, November 6.—Mrs. Beatrice Forbes-Robertson Hale; Monday, December 4, Thomas H. Mawson, Hon. A. R. L. B. A.; Monday, January 1, Seumas MacManus; Monday, February 5, Rev. Henry R. Rose, D. D., of Newark, N. J.; Monday, March 5, Edgar C. Raine, United States Government's Representative to Alaska; Monday, April 2, Mrs. Jessie Braman Daggett, Chicago; Monday, May 7, M. J. Musical Festival.

Regular meetings for members will be held Monday October 23rd, Monday November 20, and Monday, December 18. Free classes will be formed in Arts and Crafts and Needlework, Ceramics, Oils and Water Colors and Drawing, Design, Elementary and Advanced, Basket weaving, (advanced class), Literature, Nature Study, French Conversation.

An evening class in Design for Poster and Commercial Advertising Work will be held weekly from 7:30 p. m., until 9:30 p. m., at the league rooms.

Deputy Sheriff Frank Olmstead entertained Mr. and Mrs. James F. Tree of 1630 Main street at his home in Monroe Sunday. Sheriff Olmstead recently received some venison from a friend in Maine and he served venison steak to the guests.

The formal dedication of Robert Bacon as the senatorial candidate of the American party reached the office of the secretary of state.

This Smiling Lad Is  
A Member of Czar's  
Machine Gun Corps.



(RUSSIA'S YOUNGEST MACHINE GUNNER)  
The smiling little lad in the picture, who is scarcely fourteen years old, is a full edged member of the czar's army and the youngest member of a Russian machine gun division. The detachment of which he is a member is now operating against the Bulgarians in Macedonia or the southern part of Serbia.

### GENERAL SHEET METAL WORKS, ESTABLISHED HERE, IS SUCCESSFUL

The General Sheet Metal Works has recently started business in factory at 109 Holland avenue, where it is prepared with the latest and most improved machinery to take care of skylights and sheet metal work in all its branches.

Stephen E. Cibulas, who was for a number of years superintendent of The G. Drouve Co., and is very well known not only in Bridgeport but throughout this section of the country, is the proprietor of the "Straight Push," "Penetra-Continous" and other such operators, well known to the building trade, many thousands of lineal feet of which have been installed on all types and kinds of work in the leading manufacturing, textile and railroad buildings throughout the country.

Bennard Anderson, superintendent, has had many years practical experience in the skylight and sheet metal trade and has handled many important and complicated jobs, and to his credit is due the successful installations at the Michigan Central Railroad terminal in Detroit, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., and many other famous buildings throughout the country.

A great number of contracts are now on the company's books and the satisfactory service which is being rendered customers is the best possible proof of the beginning of a very successful business career.

### Slavonian Society Observes Birthday

To celebrate the 21st anniversary of the organization of their society, the First Slavonic Wreath of the Free Eagle held a banquet in St. John's hall in Pembroke street Sunday afternoon. About 200 members and guests were present. The society was organized in Bridgeport and spread all over the country where Slavonian people live until at present it has more than 100,000 members. Among the speakers at the banquet yesterday were Attorney Jack Klein who drew the papers of incorporation for the society, John Bardlosky of Brooklyn and Mathias Ocko, two charter members; Rev. Andrew E. Komara, Postmaster Charles F. Greene, Town Clerk Schultz and Aldermen Steigler and Roden. Messrs. Ocko and Bardlosky were presented with solid gold badges.

### Cody, Accused of Theft, Taken To Massachusetts Court

Hugh Cody, who recently pleaded guilty in the criminal superior court to the charge of stealing gold from local dentists, was taken to Massachusetts yesterday by Agent R. C. Hill of the Prisoners' Commission Investigation Bureau. He was accused of theft in Massachusetts and Judge Tuttle of the Superior court ordered that the prisoner should be sent there.

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## UNITED STATES IN NEED OF BETTER DEVELOPMENT LAWS SAYS SECRETARY F. K. LANE

Points Out Difficulties Under Existing Legislation and Necessity of Changes—Shows Lack of Fertilizer Products On Pacific Coast.

Two years ago I presented in my report what might be termed a program of internal development with respect to land; a railroad into the interior of Alaska; a coal-leasing law for Alaska; a new reclamation act extending the time within which payments were to be made by water users and under which land would be forced into use; a water-power bill governing the use of public lands for hydro-electric development; a general development bill providing for a practicable method of disposing of our oil, gas, coal, phosphate, and potash without danger of monopoly or non-use. Of this program the larger portion has been adopted, and the last two have been successful in the House. The plan is to make the West help in its own development. The royalties from oil, gas, coal and phosphate lands and from water-power developed on public lands should be used for the reclaiming of the arid country and the water used for irrigation. The Alaskan coal-leasing bill has already been put into effect in a small way by the granting of permits for the operation of small and isolated tracts for industrial and local use. The lease under which the larger fields which have been reserved may be taken up has been drafted in co-operation with some of the most eminent mine operators of the country. Its utilization must, of course, await the opening of means of transportation. The new reclamation act has brought courage to the water users, and found their difficulties almost overwhelming, so new and strange to the people of our northern blood are the problems of irrigation.

The need for the general development bill is not difficult to present. The lands of the Pacific Coast are being used intensely in some parts and these lands call for fertilization. One of the elements which must be restored to the soil is phosphorus. This is native in most soils but is needed by all after long use. The orange orchards of California and the apple orchards of the coast of Washington, to name a few, draw heavily upon the soil. And for its replenishing the orchardists are buying phosphate rock in Florida, which is carried 5,000 miles by water and then inland, while in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming we have under withdrawal nearly 3,000,000 acres of land that are underlain with phosphate rock. There is no law to-day under which this rock can be secured. In Montana and elsewhere throughout the West are smelters which produce the sulphuric acid necessary for the conversion of this rock into a practical fertilizer. So that the development of this industry waits only upon the passage of a law which will put this mineral at the command of those who need it.

Our coal lands are now subject to sale at appraisal values based upon the estimate of the land. This is at best an expert's guess, and converts each purchase into a gamble, both on the part of the government and the purchaser. The bill does not exclude this method, but supplements it with a simple provision by which the purchaser, instead of buying at appraisal, may pay a royalty upon what he produces. It gives the man of moderate means an opportunity to secure a mine.

As to oil and gas, the House committee had extensive hearings at which no practical man engaged in the industry offered any objection to the plan proposed. The existing law, under which such lands have been taken up, is to be characterized by no potter word than as a plain misfit. Oil is found hundreds and sometimes thousands of feet below the surface of the earth, yet the law applicable to its acquisition is the placer law, intended to apply to the recovery of superficial minerals. This law is of romantic origin, for it is the outgrowth of the experience of the Argonauts who went to California in the days of '49. The measures adopted by these men for the government of their claims along the mountain streams, where they did no more than lift the river sands to the pan or rocker, finally were incorporated into law. And the governing principle of this law was, that before a man could claim ownership in a placer claim he must show that he had discovered the gold there; and until he did, others might at their bodily risk to be sure, attempt to make prior discovery. The utter inapplicability of such a principle to a mineral found perhaps 2,000 feet below the surface, and where the discovery must be made at a cost of twenty, fifty or a hundred thousand dollars, is clear beyond comment. Now, under this impossible law a large amount of public land was "taken up," and by that is meant that it was located on and thereafter became a general basis for speculation and sometimes was developed. That the law is as hazardous to the investor as it is unsatisfactory to the Government is universally conceded, and in its stead should come a measure under which the Government would give a permit at first, an exclusive permit for drilling and upon discovery within a given time an area be given as a reward for proving the ground, and adjacent lands leased upon a royalty basis.

There is another charge to be made against the existing law more serious than its unworkability. It is supremely wasteful. If the land is leased some control can be exercised over the manner of development. Millions of barrels of oil have been wasted by being allowed to flow into the streams, by being mixed with water or by evaporation. There has been not so much waste, I am told, in any other mining. And petroleum is a priceless resource, for it can never be replaced.

Accompanying the general development bill in its passage through the House was a measure intended to promote hydroelectric development on public lands, named after the chairman of the Public Lands Committee of the House, Mr. Ferris. This bill was called for by the fact that existing legislation permitted only a revocable permit to be granted for such use, and this was regarded by engineers and financiers as too tentative and hazardous a tenure where millions of money were needed for the installation of the necessary plant.

The Ferris bill meets this difficulty by proposing a lease of these lands for a definite term of 50 years. The objection is made that the lands should be given outright. To this there are several answers of substance: No enlightened government gives such a franchise. There is danger, very real danger, too, of a complete monopolization of such power sites if the lands go forever from the people. The value of water power is not yet fully realized, and its full value can not be known at this stage in our industrial life. The purpose of the Government in transferring these lands is to secure their use, because it does not choose to use them itself, but the time may come when it may be most desirable to the full development of our life that they shall be operated by the Nation or the States or the municipalities in the States, and to transfer them forever would be a burden upon the future which would be unforgivable, and is, moreover, unnecessary.

The people desire these lands used, not held as a mere basis for speculation in stocks or bonds. Where there is need for such a plant the lands should be available on most generous terms. At the end of the fifty-year period what becomes of the plant? If it has been so managed as to best serve the country there would be no reason why the holding company should not have a new lease. If it had not been so managed the plant should be bought at its value by whoever the new lease might be, or by those who took over the lands on which it was situated, the State, for instance.

As already said, with the passage of these two measures there will be no land or resource that will not be at the full service of the people. And yet, the romantic enterprise of revealing America will not be done. To get from our resources their fullest use, this is our goal. And this is nothing less than a challenge to the capacity of a democracy.

### NEW REGULATIONS HOLD UP PROBATE COURTS OF COUNTY

A ruling by the commissioner of internal revenue that special administration taxes must be applied to inventories of \$50,000 net or more than \$50,000 gross, as well as declaration of properties sold or given away by the testator within two years prior to death, is expected temporarily to hamper the probating of estates in this county until further rulings may be obtained.

Notification was sent to all judges of probate, it was learned today, calling attention to the new inheritance tax which went into effect on Sept. 9. A revision of all probate matters passing through the courts since that date upon which special administration tax is applicable will be expected.

Until the full amount of the special inheritance tax is determined, probate actions involving more than \$50,000 will be held in abeyance. It is believed that no such estates are in probate here at this time, though special disclosures of properties not shown in will now before the courts will be asked of administrators, to comply with the new law.

Brig.-Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the American forces in Mexico, was made a Major-General, succeeding the late Major-General Albert L. Mills.

## On Sale Wednesday

SEPT. 27th, '16.

FRESH SEA FOOD.

Cape Butterfish	10c lb
Small Bluefish	20c lb
Fresh Shore Haddock	4c lb
Sea Bass	12c lb
Flat Fish	8c lb
Fresh Herring	7c lb, 4 lbs. 25c
Steak Cod	12c lb
Steak Halibut	20c lb
Steak Tilefish	10c lb
Steak Salmon	25c lb
Steak Boston Blues	10c lb
Rock Bass	10c lb
Market Cod	7c lb
Medium Bluefish	22c lb
Smoked Finnan Haddie	10c lb
Steamers	8c qt
Soft Shell Crabs	90c doz
Live Lobsters, Uncooked Shrimp	

### MEAT DEPARTMENT.

Dixie Sugar Cured Bacon	18c lb
Swifts Premium Hams	25c lb

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Del Monte Brand Prunes put up in sanitary tins, extra large, 5 lbs. each	75c
Large Queen Olives	35c qt
Medium Queen Olives	30c qt
Stuffed Olives	35c qt
Manz. Olives	25c quart
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### Ladies' Auxiliary of Fairfield Fire Co. To Entertain Guests

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Fire Company, No. 2 of Fairfield will give a whist and pinocle tomorrow evening at the engine house on Tunxis Hill road. Dancing will follow the entertainment at cards. Excellent prizes will be awarded the winners and refreshments will be served.

### FISHING PARTY SAVED

New Bedford, Mass., Sept. 25.—Word was received early today that W. A. Smith, superintendent of the Whitman Mill, and a party of eight, who had drifted about in a disabled motorboat for many hours, were rescued when the boat was blown ashore on Nauset island, last night. The men went on a fishing trip on Sunday.

### GIRL, 14, NEARLY OVERCOME BY GAS

Awakened at midnight by the order of gas fumes, the family of Lucy Choff, 14 years of age, of 312 Bond street, rushed into the girl's room, in the nick of time to save her life. After turning off the gas on retiring, the girl had accidentally opened the jet again.

Dr. C. C. Taylor, of the Emergency hospital revived the girl, and she was left at her home, well out of danger.

### DUFFY-DONOVAN

Miss Jennie J. Donovan, daughter of Mrs. Catherine Donovan of Dean street, Brooklyn, N. Y., and cousin of George F. Bradley of this city, was married to Thomas Duffy of Brooklyn, Sunday, Sept. 24, at St. Joseph's R. C. church, Brooklyn. Rev. Father Sweeney, pastor, performed the ceremony. Mr. Bradley acted as usher.

### Somnambulist, 77, Falls Out Window And Is Uninjured

Max Birnbaum, a 77-year-old somnambulist, walked out the window of his room, on the second floor of the house at 488 Newell avenue, early yesterday, and fell 25 feet, without apparently suffering any injuries other than a slight shaking up, the fall serving only to wake him from a sound sleep.

Dr. Canavan, who was called to the scene, was amazed to find that the aged man had not suffered any broken bones. Birnbaum, however, was removed to St. Vincent's hospital for close observation. His home is in Brooklyn and he is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Blanche Goldberg.

### BOSTON LIGHT CELEBRATES 200 YEARS OF EXISTENCE

Boston, Sept. 26.—A history of 200 years of guidance to shipping entering Boston harbor was celebrated yesterday at Boston Light. Sec. William C. Redfield, of the department of commerce, with a party of invited guests, went down on the lighthouse tender Mayflower to unveil a tablet on the famous old beacon. The first permanent light at that point was authorized by the general court in 1715 and its first rays were seen by mariners on September 14, (old style) 1716. This tower, partly of stone and partly of wood, was badly damaged by fire in 1720 and again in 1721. It was quickly repaired both times. But when the British evacuated Boston the early days of the revolution they demolished the lighthouse. The present stone tower was erected in 1733.

### Machine In Accident Not T. J. Pardy's Car

The machine which collided with another auto in Berlin Sunday, fatally injuring a man and then speeding from the scene of the accident, supposed through a mistake to have been owned by T. J. Pardy, is not the auto which figured in the accident according to the police.

The Berlin police telephoned the number of Pardy's car to the Bridgeport police as the machine which was responsible for the accident. This morning, however, the police said car No. 17D, given the registration book as a dealer's car, Hartford, had been identified as the much sought auto.

### Bridgeport Cops Will Wear White Raincoats

White raincoats for Bridgeport police officers is the latest edict of the police commissioners. The order will be promulgated for effect at an early date according to Clerk Clayton Smith of the police board.

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